

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH SEPTEMBER 2014
AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE

Present: Cllrs. C. Kirkby MBE (Mayor), Ms B. Baynham, Ms. H. Marchant, J. Matthews, H. Owens
Ms. F. Preece, B. Price, P. Robinson, J. Wilding.

Apologies: Cllrs., , J. Tennant-Eyles (Deputy Mayor), G. Banks, Ms. N. Humphreys, P. Smith.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk.

Declarations of Interest: Members were requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008.

Personal:

Cllr. Ms. Baynham Donation to East Radnorshire Day Centre (as precepted)
Chief Officer Day Centre

Cllr. Price Donation to Norton Sports Committee (as precepted)
Member of Sports Committee

Cllr. Wilding Donations to East Radnorshire Day Centre and Norton Sports Committee
(as precepted).
Trustee of Day Centre (TC appointed), Chair of Sports Committee

Personal and Prejudicial: None

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Cllr. Kirkby informed Members of the Reaching out for Radnorshire fund raising campaign for St. Michael's Hospice and the recent launch event which culminated in New Radnor.

MIN 2868 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of 16th July, 2014 and 27th August, 2014 were approved without amendment. The Mayor then duly signed the Minutes

MIN 2869 CLERK'S REPORT/UPDATE

(1) Land at Mill Lane: Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that he had spoken to the site owners to advise them of the need to ensure the Planning Department were aware that a technical start had been made on the site.

(2) Tree Protection Orders: As agreed at the July meeting the Clerk had submitted an article to the Parish Magazine asking residents to notify the Town Council of any trees they felt should be covered by a TPO. The Clerk had not yet been notified of any such trees. Cllr. Ms. Baynham was aware of some possibilities and agreed to provide more detail at a later meeting.

(3) Re-Surfacing, Station Road: This had now been completed.

(4) Poultry Manure Trailers: A further incidence had been reported to Cargill Meats and subsequent loads had been sheeted.

(5) Kayes Factory Site: A meeting with Welsh Government had now been arranged for 14th October.

(6) Recycling Site: Cllr. Kirkby advised Members that after the July meeting it had been discovered that the Chamber of Trade were in discussions to take over the site and so the request for the site to be removed had not been made. He was now able to confirm that the Chamber of Trade had made the decision to go ahead with managing the site on a trial basis. It was confirmed that no request for removal should be made at present.

(7) Highway Safety, Norton: Cllr. Ms. Baynham confirmed that two new signs warning of horse riders were in place in Norton.

(8) Summer Ambassadors Pack: The Clerk was asked to remind Cllr. Banks that should he undertake any consultation with the public then the Town Council would be willing to assist at the event(s).

(9) Annual Firework Display: Cllr. Kirkby stated that Sheep Music were willing to organise the annual fireworks. There would be no bonfire. The event would take place on 8th November.

MIN 2870 FINANCE PAYMENTS

(1) Donations: . The following donations were agreed as precepted:

Presteigne Brownies	£50.00
East Radnorshire Day Centre	£2000.00
Presteigne Memorial Hall Grant for 2013/14	£1500.00
Norton Sports Committee (firework display)	£200.00
St. Andrews FC Colts	£250.00

The request for a donation from Shelter Cymru was refused.

The request by Presteigne Little People's Playgroup for a donation towards redecoration of the classroom used by the group was refused for the following reasons - a £500 donation was provided annually, the playgroup had benefitted from a sizeable donation from the Mayoral Fund of Cllr. Ms. Baynham and due to the fact that the classroom was part of a Powys Council educational premises and thus properly to be maintained by the County Council.

The letters of thanks from BISYOC, Home Presteigne and Presteigne Carnival were noted.

The letter of thanks received by Cllr. Kirkby from the Presteigne Co-Responders for the donation to purchase a new defibrillator unit was also noted.

(2) Payment: The following payments were approved:

Mrs T. Price	£651.40
HMRC	£214.11
(income tax/employees and employers NI due on above)	
Clearview Cleaning Services Ltd	£401.75
BDO (external audit fee)	£354.00
Park Leisure	£7440.00
Npower (toilets)	£51.52
Presteigne Building Supplies	£7.37 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Npower (barn)	£52.98 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close	£55.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT

(3) **New Bank Account:** Cllr. Kirkby reported that this had not yet been opened.

(4) **Bank Balances:** The following bank balances were noted:

Money Manager	£15,368.74	Allotments	£916.16
Meadow	£7813.82	Treasurer	£38,277.31

(5) **Receipts:** The following receipts were noted:

Donation (Hymas) for use of Went's Meadow	£40.00
Powys County Council Precept Payment 2	£16,450.80
Wales Audit Office (distribution of reserves)	£30.00

(6) **External Audit:** Members noted that the documents had now been officially certified by the External Auditors and agreed to formally accept and approve the Annual Return

MIN 2871 PLANNING

(1) **Planning Applications:**

TEL/2014/0022, installation of single BT telecommunications cabinet **opposite W. McColville Ltd, Station Road, Presteigne. No objections raised.**

TREE/2014/0037, removal of a prunus avium tree within a conservation area at **Warden Court, St. David's Street, Presteigne. No objections raised.**

(2) **Clarification of Section of TAN 6:** The reply from the County Council clarifying development close to listed buildings was noted.

(3) **TEL/2014/0018 PCP Cabinet opp Luggside House, Broad Street, Presteigne:** The decision to raise no objection to this application was confirmed.

MIN 2872 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) **Tennis Courts Progress Report:** Cllr. Kirkby has spoken to Stuart Mackintosh at the County Council and it was hoped that work would start soon.

(2) **Presteigne Cemetery Possible Expansion:** It was noted that Cllr. Banks had met with the adjoining landowner. The Clerk was asked to remind Cllr Banks that due to the number of spaces left in the existing site (estimated 4-5 years) it was essential that immediate action was taken to secure additional land and set the necessary procedures in motion (planning permission, land drainage surveys etc).

(3) **General Highway Items:** The larger potholes in Newton Lane were now filled. The request from a Warden Close resident for the addition of tarmac to allow access to and from the pavement to the road had been agreed by the County Council and the work had been completed.

The Clerk was asked to report the Herefordshire side of Stocking Lane as being in a poor condition and needing attention.

(4) **Request for Replacement of Hedge Electricity Sub-Station:** The Clerk reported that she had that day received an email from the County Council indicating that replacement of the hedge was a requirement of the planning permission and that action would be taken to see that this was done.

(5) Closure of Public Conveniences: The recent report to the PCC Cabinet and subsequent decision to close the majority of public conveniences in Powys was noted.

(6) Community Led Plan: Cllr. Kirkby reported that he, Cllr. Tennant-Eyles and the Clerk had met with Jenni Thomas from the County Council to discuss regeneration in Presteigne. The County Council were offering to fund the employment of a consultant to draw up a community led plan and were requesting Town Council support for this to proceed. The plan could then be used to assist with grant applications for the town. It was agreed that the Clerk write to confirm Town Council support.

(7) Replacement of Pump, Albert Square: The site had been visited on the town walk following a approach from one of the Square residents. The estimated cost of replacing the pump was £200. Following some discussion Cllr. Kirkby agreed to ask the resident to liaise with other residents/landlords to ask if they would be willing to contribute to the work. The Town Council would then consider providing some funding towards the work.

(8) PCC Capital Bid, Footpath alongside Secondary School Field: Cllr. Kirkby reported on the site meeting earlier that day with Bryan Davies of the County Council. A project to create a footway along the by pass was on the County Council capital programme list. In order to progress the bid Mr. Davies had requested the Town Council consider making a financial contribution towards the project of around £4000. The total cost was expected to be £16,000. This would be an agenda item in October and Members were asked to give the request full consideration before then.

MIN 2873 NORTON

(1) Email from Norton Civic Society re surgeries/code of conduct: The contents of this email were noted. Cllrs. Kirkby, Tennant-Eyles and the Clerk would be meeting representatives of the Society on 30th September and it was agreed that the email would be discussed at that meeting.

(2) Litter Bins: It was felt that Norton would benefit from an extra litter bin (having only one at present) and Cllr. Ms. Baynham agreed to try to identify a possible site.

MIN 2874 WENT'S MEADOW / EDDIE'S MEADOW

(1) ROSPA Inspection of Play Area: Cllr. Kirkby reported that he was still seeking clarification of parts of the report. He confirmed that he would chase the County Council for a reply.

(2) Cancellation of Event: The private party planned for the coming weekend had been cancelled.

(3) Grass Cutting/Hedge Trimming: The Clerk agreed to chase the County Council for a price for the grass cutting for 2015 for the existing area on Went's Meadow and for the new additional area (football pitch etc).

Cllr. Wilding agreed to get a quote for the hedge-trimming of the site.

(4) Playgroup Request: Cllr. Kirkby reported that the Little People's Playgroup had asked for permission to repaint the mural on the Wilson Terrace toilet block wall. A draft picture would be submitted for approval. It was agreed that the playgroup be given permission to go ahead and that a contribution of up to £50 would be reimbursed to the group for the cost of the paint.

MIN 2875 YOUTH MATTERS

The centre had re-opened on 8th September. Two new volunteers had been found making a total of five. Phase two of the successful arts project would be carried out this year.

MIN 2876 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

- (1) **Town Emblem Update:** No progress. To be removed from the agenda for the time being. Cllr. Kirkby would talk to the Primary School about designing an emblem.
- (2) **Presteigne Memorial Hall Progress Report:** Members were pleased to hear that contractors had now been appointed and that the grant works were going ahead. It was suggested that possible replacement of the fence adjoining the new car park area should be considered if sufficient funding was available and the Clerk was asked to contact Cllr. Tennant-Eyles to ask if this was possible.
- (3) **Closure of Whitton School PCC Cabinet decision:** The decision to close the school was noted.
- (4) **Welsh Government White Paper Reforming Local Government:** Noted. No comment.
- (5) **Email from resident re June Meeting and Clerk's reply:** Noted. No further comment.
- (6) **One Voice Wales Notice of Motions for 2014 Conference:** Noted.
- (7) **Leisure Centres 'Soft Market Testing' Information from PCC:** Noted.

MIN 2877 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERIES

September Surgery: Matters raised were -

removal of the bus service from Presteigne to Leominster. The Clerk was asked to write to Powys County Council asking them to press Herefordshire to re-instate the funding for the route.

condition of road to Harley Farm, Warden Road : surface pitted and drains blocked resulting in water running down road and further damaging surface. This had already been reported and the Clerk was asked to remind the County Council of the need for work to be done.

October Surgery: Cllrs. Owens and Wilding agreed to man the October Surgery.

MIN 2878 INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items for information were noted:

- Reminder PCC Budget Workshop Dates
- Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine
- One Voice Wales Training Guide 2014
- East Radnorshire Day Centre AGM Notice.

MIN 2879 URGENT BUSINESS

County Council Budget Consultation Meetings: Cllr. MS. Baynham and Cllr. Tennant-Eyles would be attending.

Water Supply Pipes Consultation: Cllr. Kirkby had received a summary of the completed consultation.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.